

1 Stand aside, next witness?

2 (Whereupon witness excused)

3 MRS. HOMER DEARING, called as a witness for and on  
4 behalf of Defendants, was sworn and testified as  
5 follows:

6 BY MR. WEIR:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 Q Lady, what is your name?

9 A Mrs. Hom~~we~~ Dearing.

10 Q Mrs. Dearing, where does your husband, Homer Dearing,  
11 work?

12 A He works in Philadelphia.

13 Q Who for?

14 A J. F. Barnett.

15 Q Who were you before you married?

16 A I was a Killen. I was Dorothy Killen.

17 Q Oh, now are you a sister to the Reverend Edgar  
18 Ray Killen?

19 A Yes sir, I sure am.

20 Q Is he a Minister of the Gospel?

21 A Yes sir.

22 Q Of good standing?

23 A Yes sir.

24 Q What faith?

25 A He's a Baptist.

1 Q Do you know whether or not he's active in his  
2 preaching work?

3 A Yes sir.

4 Q And besides just standing behind the pulpit, is he  
5 active in his preacher's duties in general?

6 A He certainly is.

7 Q Like what now?

8 A People are calling on him all the time, like  
9 preaching funerals, going to see sick people, they  
10 call on his just for everything.

11 Q And you would say he is very active?

12 A He certainly is.

13 Q Now, Mrs. Dearing on June 21, 1964, did you see  
14 your brother, the Reverend Edgar Ray Killen?

15 A Yes sir, I did.

16 Q At what place?

17 A At my mother and father's house.

18 Q Now, what's their name?

19 A Ray Killen.

20 Q In what community?

21 A The House community in Neshoba County.

22 Q Now, what time did you get there, Mrs. Homer  
23 Dearing?

24 A Around 12:30.

25 Q Is that near the eating hour?

1 A. Yes sir.

2 Q. How long did you stay?

3 A. Well, we stayed until around 9:00 o'clock that  
4 night, we stayed and ate supper.

5 Q. Is there some reason that you remember that parti-  
6 cular occasion?

7 A. It was father's day. We have a mother that believes  
8 in her children always getting together on special  
9 occasion, so we were all there for father's day.

10 Q. On this particular occasion when you got there  
11 where was Reverend Killen?

12 A. He was there at home.

13 Q. And did he leave the premises?

14 A. Not that I know. I know he didn't.

15 Q. Did he leave that night?

16 A. Yes sir.

17 Q. What time, approximately?

18 A. Approximately around 8:30.

19 Q. Then about from 12:30 around noon that day we'll  
20 say until he left at 8:30, was he constantly in  
21 your view, or where you knew where he was?

22 A. Well, I couldn't say he didn't leave, because I  
23 couldn't see him all the time and I couldn't say  
24 that I saw him every minute of the day.

25 Q. Well, did he leave the premises?

1 A No sir, he didn't.

2 Q Where did he go about 8:30?

3 A To the funeral home.

4 Q Who did he go with?

5 A My father.

6 Q That's all, Mrs. Homer Dearing.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. DOAR:

9 Q Mrs. Dearing, how often did you see your brother  
10 during that Spring of 1964?

11 A About two or three times a week probably, that's  
12 about how often I go home.

13 Q What's the difference in your age and his?

14 A I'm 33 and he's, I don't know exactly how old  
15 he is, he's my oldest brother, and he probably  
16 wouldn't want me to tell his age if I knew it.

17 Q You are a close family?

18 A We sure are.

19 Q And if your brother was in trouble you would want  
20 to help your brother, wouldn't you?

21 A As long as it was honest I would.

22 Q Now, did you talk with your brother that Spring  
23 about an organization known as Cofo?

24 A No sir.

25 Q Have you ever heard the name Cofo?

1 A I have not.

2 Q Or Core?

3 A No sir. I may have it on the news or something  
4 but as far as knowing about it I couldn't even  
5 tell you what it meant.

6 Q Did you ever have any talk with your brother  
7 about those two organizations?

8 A No sir, I certainly have not whatsoever.

9 Q Has he ever mentioned an organization called the  
10 White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to you?

11 A No sir, he surely didn't.

12 Q He never talked about that to you?

13 A No sir, he never did.

14 Q Now on this date of June the 21st, you say you  
15 stayed for supper?

16 A That's right.

17 Q Did you have a big supper?

18 A That's right, left overs from dinner.

19 Q What time did you have supper?

20 A Oh, about, well when we are ala there we have to  
21 eat at different times, so I couldn't say.

22 Q You can't remember?

23 A Probably around 6:30 or something like that.

24 Q Who was there?

25 A Well, I couldn't say just exactly who was there

1 because some members of my family had left, but  
2 Edgar Ray was there, and his wife were still there  
3 and---

4 Q But some of your family had left though?

5 A Yes, I think some of them had left----

6 Q But you know that Edgar Ray was still there?

7 BY MR. WEIR:

8 We object, Your Honor, if it please the Court, he's  
9 not letting her finish.

10 BY THE COURT:

11 Yes, let the witness finish her answers, Mr. Doar.

12 BY THE WITNESS:

13 Q And my sister was still there, and her family,  
14 and I couldn't tell you how many were still there  
15 because there are quite a few of us.

16 Q Were your father and mother there?

17 A They had gone to church.

18 Q What time did they get back?

19 A Something after eight, I would say.

20 Q And what time did you leave?

21 A Around nine, somewhere around nine.

22 Q Had you ever heard of a church burning in Neshoba

23 County the week before?

24 A I couldn't---

25 BY MR. WEIR:

1 We object Your Honor. Hearsay.

2 BY THE WITNESS:

3 A I couldn't tell you, I probably had.

4 BY THE COURT:

5 These witnesses want to answer and not let the Court  
6 make a ruling on these objections, so since she has  
7 answered the question, I will let it go on it.

8 BY MR. DOAR:

9 That's all I have, Your Honor.

10 BY THE COURT:

11 All right, you may step down.

12 (Whereupon witness excused)

13 CURTIS HARDY, called as a witness for and on behalf  
14 of Defendants, was sworn and testified as follows:

15 BY MR. WEIR:

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 Q Tell us your name, please sir?

18 A Curtis Hardy.

19 Q What kind of business are you in, Mr. Curtis Hardy?

20 A I'm a logger. I log for Molphus Lumber Company.

21 Q Philadelphia, Mississippi?

22 A Yes sir.

23 Q Mr. Curtis Hardy, do you know Reverend Edgar Ray  
24 Killen?

25 A Yes sir, I do.

1 Q Is he a Minister of the Gospel?

2 A Yes sir.

3 Q What faith?

4 A Baptist.

5 Q How long has he been a Minister of the Gospel to  
6 your knowledge?

7 A I imagine around twenty or twenty one years.

8 Q Has he been active as such?

9 A Yes sir.

10 Q Now, have you heard him preach?

11 A Yes sir.

12 Q All right sir, now, Mr. Hardy, on June 21, 1964  
13 did you see the Reverend Edgar Ray Killen?

14 A Yes sir.

15 Q Where did you see him at?

16 A I was at my father-in-law's there where he lives,  
17 I got there about 12:30.

18 Q You are talking about lunch time now?

19 A Yes sir.

20 Q Did you eat dinner there?

21 A Yes sir.

22 Q Where had you been before there?

23 A Church.

24 Q What church?

25 A Pleasant Grove



1 Q When did you leave there?

2 A About 9:00 o'clock.

3 Q What time did Preacher Killen leave?

4 A I would guess somewhere around 8:30 or fifteen to  
5 nine or somewhere like that.

6 Q So say from 12:30 until 8:30 was he at a place where  
7 you knew where he was?

8 A Yes sir, he was.

9 Q And what was that place?

10 A That was at my father-in-law's, Ray Killen.

11 Q And is that in Neshoba County, Mississippi?

12 A Yes sir.

13 Q Do you know where he went when he left there?

14 A He went to the funeral home.

15 Q And do you know whose body was there?

16 A Mr. Aleck Rich.

17 Q Who did he go with?

18 A Ray Killen.

19 Q Take the witness.

20 CROSS EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. DOAR:

22 Q Did you see your brother in law during that  
23 Spring of 1964 occasionally?

24 A Yes sir, I did.

25 Q How often?

1 Q Well, every two or three days, something like  
2 that.

3 Q Where would you see him?

4 A I would go to their house. I lived close to them.

5 Q Where do you live?

6 A Neshoba County.

7 Q Where do you live in Neshoba County?

8 A I live in the House Community on the West Side  
9 about a quarter of a mile.

10 Q On those occasions when you saw him during that  
11 Spring did he ever mention to you an organization  
12 known as Cofo?

13 A He did not.

14 Q An organization known as Core?

15 A No sir.

16 Q Have you ever heard of the organization of the  
17 White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan?

18 A I have heard of it, but he didn't mention it to  
19 me.

20 Q Do you know whether or not he was connected with  
21 that organization?

22 A I do not know.

23 Q Did you ever discuss with him what his business  
24 was during that Spring of 1964?

25 A Well, we talked about working, and at that time

1 I was working for Molphus Lumber Company and he  
2 was sawmilling, I was working by the month, and  
3 we did talk a lot about what we was doing, yes sir.

4 Q. He told you what he was doing and you told him what  
5 you were doing?

6 A. Well I knew but we talked about it, yes sir.

7 Q. Did you ever go on any trips with him during that  
8 Spring?

9 A. Well, I would say no.

10 Q. Would you say no, or you didn't go?

11 A. No, I did not.

12 Q. You made no trips with him?

13 A. No sir.

14 Q. None at all?

15 A. No sir. I had my own way of going and he had his.

16 Q. And on that Sunday did you have any discussion  
17 with him about any Civil Rights Workers being  
18 in Neshoba County?

19 A. I had not.

20 Q. Had you heard of any Civil Rights Workers being  
21 in Neshoba County?

22 A. I had not.

23 Q. Were any of the House community residents con-  
24 cerned about any of the Civil Rights Workers  
25 working in Neshoba County?

1 A Not that I knew of.

2 Q You hadn't heard any discussion of it at all?

3 A No sir.

4 Q Did you read the papers up in Neshoba County/

5 A Well, I do some.

6 Q But you had never heard of any summer project  
7 coming to Mississippi?

8 A Nobody had ever mentioned it to me.

9 Q And you had never had any conversation about Civil  
10 Rights at all during the Spring of 1964 in your  
11 family?

12 A No sir.

13 Q That's all.

14 (Whereupon witness excused.)

15 BY THE COURT:

16 We'll take one more witness tonight.

17 ALFRED E. KEENE, called as a witness for and on behalf  
18 of Defendants, was sworn and testified as follows:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

21 Q What is your name, please?

22 A Alfred E. Keene.

23 Q Where do you live, Mr. Keene?

24 A Mississippi City.

25 Q Where did you live back in 1964?

1 A Gulfport.

2 Q Are you familiar with Jim Jordan that testified  
3 here in this trial?

4 A Yes sir, I am.

5 Q How did you happen to know him?

6 A Well, I met them through my wife.

7 Q Where did you know him first?

8 A Here in Meridian.

9 Q Were you working here?

10 A No.

11 Q Was he working here?

12 A No, he wasn't.

13 Q Did you ever know him here in Meridian, did you  
14 all work here at the same time?

15 A No.

16 Q Did you ever work here in Meridian?

17 A Yeah, I've worked here.

18 Q Was he a friend of yours in 1964?

19 A Yes sir he was.

20 Q Did you know him fairly well?

21 A Yes sir.

22 Q Did he have occasion to live with you in Gulfport?

23 A Yes sir.

24 Q In 1964?

25 A Yes sir.

- 1 Q About what time in 1964 was that?
- 2 A It was in October of '64.
- 3 Q How did that come about?
- 4 A Well, I came up here during the Hurrican Carla
- 5 and he said he was in trouble and was broke and
- 6 couldn't get a job up here, and asked me if I
- 7 could help him out down there and I moved him
- 8 down there that week-end.
- 9 Q And how long did he live with you?
- 10 A Oh, several days.
- 11 Q While he was down there did you see anyone from
- 12 Meridian coming down there looking for him or
- 13 wanting to talk to him?
- 14 A Yes sir, Wallace Miller came down.
- 15 Q When did Wallace Miller come down there?
- 16 A Just a few days after we got down there.
- 17 Q You know that it was Wallace Miller?
- 18 A Yes sir, he's a City Policeman.
- 19 Q Is he the Sergeant Miller that has also testified
- 20 here in this trial?
- 21 A Yes sir.
- 22 Q Do you know what Miller wanted with him?
- 23 A No sir, I don't. They talked in private/
- 24 Q Now, who else came down to see him about that
- 25 time?

1 A John Proctor showed up down there just a couple  
2 of days after.

3 Q And who is John Proctor?

4 A He's an F. B. I. Agent.

5 Q Did you ask him about these people coming down  
6 there and why they were there?

7 A Yes sir, I started questioning him about it and  
8 he told me-----

9 BY MR. HAUBERG:

10 We object, Your Honor, hearsay.

11 BY THE COURT:

12 Sustained.

13 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

14 Q Did he make any remarks to you after this reported  
15 Neshoba County case?

16 BY MR. HAUBERG:

17 We object.

18 BY THE COURT:

19 Let me get your question again please.

20 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

21 Q I asked him, if the Court please, if he made any  
22 remarks to him about this Neshoba case?

23 BY THE COURT:

24 Who made any remarks?

25 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

1 Jordan, if Jordan made any remarks to him, in 1964  
2 when he was living there with him.

3 BY MR. HAUBERG:

4 We object, because we don't think the proper predicate  
5 has been laid.

6 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

7 May it please the Court, we think it was made.

8 BY THE COURT:

9 I'll overrule the objection.

10 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

11 Q. What remark did he make to you, Mr. Keene?

12 A. Uh, he told me that he and, uh, he just said  
13 that we were riding up toward Philadelphia and  
14 that they saw this car that they recognized and  
15 had been watching, and they turned around and  
16 chased it, and they got turned around some other  
17 way up around Collinsville, and they stopped them  
18 up there and he got in the car with these people  
19 and drove on a country road up there, he said  
20 when the driver pulled up and stopped and the  
21 nigger jumped out of the front seat of the car  
22 that he was riding in the back seat, and he shot  
23 the two in the front seat and he shot the nigger  
24 in the back seat as he tried to run over <sup>the hill</sup> him.  
25 that he emptied the gun in the nigger as he ran



1 over the hill.

2 Q Now, did you ever try to buy a gun from him?

3 A Yes sir, he knew I had been looking around for one  
4 and he told me that he knew where I could get a  
5 long barrel .38 pistol, and I asked him the price  
6 of it and he said the price was "to get wet to  
7 get it."

8 Q Why did you have to get wet to get it?

9 A Well, I asked him that and he said he had took a  
10 pistol over in Alabama and threw it off a river  
11 bridge.

12 BY MR. HAUBERG:

13 If the Court please, we are going to object to that.

14 BY THE COURT:

15 I'll sustain the objection.

16 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

17 Q Would you believe him under oath?

18 BY MR. HAUBERG:

19 We object to that.

20 BY THE COURT:

21 I'll sustain the objection.

22 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

23 Q Do you know his reputation for truth and veracity  
24 where he lived at that time in 1964?

25 BY MR. HAUBERG:

1 We object to that, we don't believe that is a proper  
2 question.

3 BY THE COURT:

4 Yes, I'll let you rephrase your question.

5 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

6 Q How long had you known him in 1964 at the time he  
7 was in your home?

8 A Several months.

9 Q Did you know his reputation at that time for  
10 truth and veracity?

11 BY MR. HAUBERG:

12 We object to that, that's not a proper question.

13 BY THE COURT:

14 You can ask him about his general reputation.

15 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

16 Yes sir.

17 Q Did you know his general reputation in that  
18 community as to truth and veracity at that time?

19 BY MR. HAUBERG:

20 If the Court please, we object to that.

21 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

22 He said the man was living with him, if the Court  
23 please.

24 BY THE COURT:

25 I'll let him answer.

1 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

2 Q Did you know his reputation at that time for truth  
3 and veracity?

4 A Well, I thought I did, yes sir.

5 Q Was it good or bad?

6 BY MR. HAUBERG:

7 Just a minute, we object to that.

8 BY THE COURT:

9 Overruled.

10 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

11 Q Was it good or bad?

12 A It was kinda bad.

13 Q Now, did you ever have any contract with this  
14 Sergeant Miller that testified up here the other  
15 day when you were living up around here in  
16 Meridian?

17 A Yes sir, back at the last of 1962 and 1963, my  
18 brother and I run a place called the Plaza Restuar-  
19 ant.

20 Q What was he doing at the time?

21 A He was a policeman, at the time.

22 Q What contract did you have with him at that time?

23 A We were sitting at the Longhorn Drive-Inn, and Mr.  
24 Miller pulled up and invited us into the police  
25 car with him, and he told us-----

1 BY MR. HAUBERG:

2 We object to that, what he told us.

3 BY THE COURT:

4 Sustain the objection.

5 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

6 If it pleased the Court, I'm asking him about his  
7 character and that's what I'm leading up to, his  
8 character.

9 BY THE COURT:

10 Well, I think you have to lay a predicate for it and  
11 I don't believe you have and you may try again.

12 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

13 Q How long had you known Sergeant Miller at that  
14 time?

15 A Oh, I had known him for a good many years, since  
16 I was a kid.

17 Q And where was he living at the time?

18 A Here in Meridian, I don't know his address.

19 Q And where were you living at the time?

20 A Here in Meridian.

21 Q You did know his reputation then at that time?

22 BY MR. HAUBERG:

23 We object, if the Court please, to the form of the  
24 question.

25 BY THE COURT:

1 Overruled, go along.

2 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

3 Q Did you know his reputation at that time, his  
4 general reputation?

5 A No, I didn't, not too well.

6 Q Yes sir. Well, during that time that you mentioned  
7 did Sergeant Miller ever have any conversation  
8 with you about the sale of whiskey?

9 BY MR. HAUBERG:

10 We object to that.

11 BY THE COURT:

12 Sustained.

13 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

14 No further questions, Your Honor.

15 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

16 Your Honor, I have a few questions I would like to  
17 ask this witness.

18 BY THE COURT:

19 Go along.

20 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

21 Q Mr. Keene, do you know a good many people in  
22 Meridian?

23 A Yes sir, I do.

24 Q Do you come to Meridian a good bit?

25 A Quite often, Yes sir.

1 Q Do you visit in the homes of any of these people  
2 when you are up here?

3 A No, not in many homes.

4 Q Tell us whether or not you talk to a good many of  
5 these people when you are up here?

6 A Oh, yes sir, I talk to a good many.

7 Q Tell us now where you know Wallace Miller for  
8 his general reputation in the community for which  
9 he resides for truth and veracity.

10 BY MR. HAUBERG:

11 We object to that, if the Court please.

12 BY THE COURT:

13 Ask him some more preliminary questions.

14 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

15 Q Sir, do you know where Wallace Miller lives?

16 A No, I do not.

17 Q Do you know what town he lives in?

18 A I know, I guess, he lives in Meridian.

19 BY MR. HAUBERG:

20 We object to what he guesses.

21 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

22 Q No sir, do you know what county he lives in?

23 A No, I don't know.

24 Q You don't know? Do you know where he works?

25 A Yes, I do.

1 Q Where does he work sir?

2 A At the Meridian Police Department.

3 Q Do you know whether or not he has to be a resident  
4 of the City of Meridian to be able to work on the  
5 Police Department?

6 A He does.

7 BY MR. HAUBERG:

8 We object to what he knows.

9 BY THE COURT:

10 I'll let that answer go in if he knows.

11 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

12 Q Do you know that sir or not?

13 A Yes sir.

14 BY THE COURT:

15 All right, overruled.

16 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

17 Q Now, could you tell us now whether or not you  
18 know where he lives?

19 A Well, he lives in Meridian.

20 Q And when you have come up to Meridian over this  
21 period of time, have you ever discussed Wallace  
22 Miller with people in this general area, or have  
23 they discussed him with you?

24 A Yes.

25 Q In the course of this conversation, Mr. Keene,

1 have they ever discussed Wallace Miller's reputa-  
2 tion for truth and veracity, any of them?

3 BY MR. HAUBERG:

4 We object to that, Your Honor.

5 BY THE COURT:

6 Overruled.

7 BY THE WITNESS:

8 A What was the question again?

9 Q Have any of those people that you talked to about  
10 Mr. Miller, have they ever discussed his general  
11 reputation in the community in which he resides  
12 about his tendency to tell the truth and to hold  
13 to it?

14 BY MR. HAUBERG:

15 We object to the form of the question, Your Honor.

16 BY THE COURT:

17 Yes, I'll sustain the objection.

18 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

19 Q Have they talked about his reputation for truth  
20 and veracity?

21 A Yes sir, they have.

22 BY MR. HAUBERG:

23 We object to that.

24 BY THE COURT:

25 I'll sustain the objection. Do you know what his



1 reputation is, his general reputation is in the  
2 community in which he resides?

3 BY THE WITNESS:

4 Yes sir, I believe so.

5 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

6 Q Do you know what his general reputation for truth  
7 and veracity in this general community is?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Could you tell me sir, whether it is good or bad?

10 A Bad.

11 Q Thank you.

12 CROSS EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. DOAR:

14 Q Did I understand you to say that Jim Jordan told  
15 you he was driving up toward Philadelphia in a  
16 car on June the 21st, 1964?

17 A Yes sir.

18 Q Well, what time of day did he tell you he was  
19 driving up that way?

20 A He said it was at night.

21 Q Did he tell you what time it was?

22 A No sir, he didn't.

23 Q Did he tell you who he was with?

24 A No sir, he didn't.

25 Q Did he tell you what kind of a car he was driving?

1 A No sir, he didn't.

2 Q Did he tell you about the station wagon he had  
3 been searching for?

4 A Yes sir, he said he had been watching that station  
5 wagon.

6 Q Did he tell you why he had been watching the  
7 station wagon?

8 A No sir, I didn't question him on it.

9 Q Did he tell you how long he had been watching  
10 the station wagon?

11 A No, he didn't,

12 Q And he did say he turned the car around, is that  
13 right?

14 A Yes sir, he did.

15 Q And followed the station wagon?

16 A Yes sir.

17 Q And where did he say he caught up with the station  
18 wagon?

19 A Right about Collinsville.

20 Q Did he tell you who he was with?

21 A No, he didn't.

22 Q He didn't say a thing about who he was with?

23 A No.

24 Q And then what did he say?

25 A He said the car turned around and was racing

back toward Philadelphia.

Q The Station Wagon?

A Yes sir.

Q And how close did it get to Philadelphia?

A He didn't say.

Q He said they had stopped the car and he got out and got in the back seat with the white guys and someone else must have been driving the car, and the nigger was on the front seat with him.

Q Then he said he shot all three of them?

A Yes sir.

Q In the back seat of the car?

A No.

Q What did he say, how did the white boys get out of the car?

A The way he told me they never got out.

Q Did he shoot them while they were in the car?

A In the car.

Q And what about the negro?

A He got out of the car and started to run.

Q Did he tell you how far he ran?

A No, he didn't.

Q But he was out of the car and running.

Q He was out of the car, right.

Q And Jordan told you he was in the car?

1 A He said when the car stopped he shot the two.

2 Q So he shot the two white men first?

3 A Shot the two white men first and turned around and  
4 shot the nigger.

5 Q And are you as sure of that as every other bit of  
6 testimony that you have given here tonight?

7 BY MR. HENDRICKS:

8 We object to that, if the Court please.

9 BY THE COURT:

10 Overruled.

11 BY MR. DOAR:

12 Q You are just as sure of that?

13 A I'm sure of that, of what he told me, yes sir.

14 Q You are sure he was in the car and the Negro  
15 was out of the car running up the bank?

16 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

17 Your Honor, if it please the Court, that's not what  
18 the witness said. The witness said Jordan told him  
19 that.

20 BY THE COURT:

21 Are you trying to tell us what we've heard? I'll  
22 overrule your objection.

23 BY MR. DOAR:

24 Q And that's Jordan told you?

25 A Yes sir.

1 Q And that was on what date?

2 A I don't remember the date.

3 Q If you don't remember the date, do you remember  
4 what month?

5 A It was after they had started, well, right before  
6 they started making their arrests, I believe.

7 Q And where was it?

8 A He told me first riding to work.

9 Q And you were both working together?

10 A Yes sir.

11 Q What are you doing now?

12 A I'm working in Gulfport, Mississippi.

13 Q Were you subpoenaed to come up here?

14 A Yes sir, I was.

15 Q And had you given this story to anyone else before  
16 this time?

17 A Yes sir, I had talked to someone.

18 Q Who did you talk to?

19 A I talked to Mr. Hendricks.

20 Q When did you first talk to Mr. Hendricks?

21 A In January of 1965.

22 Q January of '65. Did you give him any kind of  
23 signed statement?

24 A No, I didn't.

25 Q Did he write any of this down as you were telling

1 him this?

2 A I don't remember where he was writing it down or  
3 not.

4 Q But you never gave any kind of signed statement  
5 to anyone at that time as to what Jim Jordan told  
6 you just a little bit before the men were arrested?

7 A No, I didn't.

8 Q You didn't have him read anything back to you after  
9 you had told him this?

10 A No.

11 Q And you told him everything that you've testified  
12 to to night?

13 A Yes sir.

14 Q There in January of 1965?

15 A Yes sir.

16 Q Were you ever interviewed by the F. B. I.?

17 A No, I wasn't.

18 Q The F. B. I. never came to talk with you?

19 A Yes sir.

20 Q Did they ever ask you if Jim Jordan had told you  
21 anything about this?

22 A No, they didn't.

23 Q Well, did they ever ask you if you knew anything  
24 about the murders of the Neshoba Civil Rights  
25 Workers?

1 A No sir, they didn't.

2 Q Are you sure of that?

3 A I believe so, to the best of my knowledge.

4 Q When did they come to see you?

5 A Right after, uh, I think it was about Mr. Proctor's  
6 second trip down there.

7 Q Did Jim Jordan say that he fired all of the shots  
8 in the bodies of the three boys?

9 A Yes sir.

10 Q He fired them all.

11 Q Just a moment. I believe that's all, Your Honor.

12 (Whereupon witness excused)

13 BY THE COURT:

14 Members of the Jury, we'll take a recess until 8:30  
15 in the morning with the same understanding that we've  
16 had.

17 (Whereupon the Court took at recess at 8:35 P. M.  
18 on October 13, 1967 until 8:30 A. M. on October 14,  
19 1967)

20 OCTOBER 14, 1967:

21 MAX HODGES, called as a witness for and on behalf of  
22 Defendants, was sworn and testified as follows:

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. WEIR:

25 May we proceed, Your Honor?

1 BY THE COURT:

2 Proceed Gentlemen:

3 BY MR. WATKINS:

4 Q State your name, please sir?

5 A Max Hodges.

6 Q Where do you live, Mr. Hodges?

7 A Out on the Lake Tree Road.

8 Q Is it Hodges?

9 A H O D G I N S

10 Q How long have you lived there?

11 A Ten years.

12 Q Do you know Jimmy Snowden?

13 A Yes sir.

14 Q Do you know what county he's a resident of?

15 A Yes sir.

16 Q What county is he a resident of?

17 A Lauderdale.

18 Q How long did you say you had been knowing Jimmy  
19 Snowden?

20 A Eleven years.

21 Q Eleven years. What do you do, Mr. Hodgins?

22 A I'm a lineotype operator for the Meridian Star.

23 Q How long have you been a lineotype operator for  
24 the Meridian Star?<sup>th</sup>

25 A Eleven and one half year.



1 Q Do you know the general reputation of Jimmy  
2 Snowden in the community in which he lives for  
3 peace and violence?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Is it good or bad?

6 A Its good.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. HAUBERG:

9 Q Mr. Hodgins, do you visit in Mr. Snowden's home?

10 A Yes sir.

11 Q Does he visit in yours?

12 A Yes sir.

13 Q Have you discussed this case with him any time?

14 A Very little.

15 Q Well, you say very little, but could you give us  
16 any idea how many occasion you've discussed it  
17 with him?

18 A I would say twice.

19 Q Did you discuss any of the facts of the case with  
20 you?

21 A I don't know any of the facts about it other  
22 than what I've read.

23 Q Well, did he tell you anything about the facts?

24 A No sir.

25 Q You say you know his general reputation. Have

1                   you heard anyone talking about his general  
2                   reputation? You've heard many people talking  
3                   about it?

4           A    Yes, a good many.

5           Q    Good many, and have those people been residents  
6                   here of Meridian?

7           A    Yes sir.

8           Q    When was the last time that you heard anyone say  
9                   anything about his reputation?

10          A    Yesterday.

11          Q    Was that here in the courthouse or outside?

12          A    It was outside.

13          Q    Now, these people that you say have talked about  
14                   his reputation, did that information come to you  
15                   after he got in these difficulties or before?

16          A    Well, both.

17          Q    Do you know what he does?

18          A    What he does?

19          Q    What his job is?

20          A    He works for Troy Laundry.

21          Q    And how long has he worked for Troy Laundry?

22          A    I would say about seven years.

23          Q    How long have you been working for the Meridian  
24                   Star?

25          A    Eleven and a half.

1 Q Does Mr. Snowden come in the newspaper office?

2 A I would say he's been in there two times in  
3 eleven years.

4 Q When was the last time that you visited in his  
5 home and he visited in your home?

6 A He was out at my house about a month ago.

7 Q And since February of 1967, how many times have  
8 you and Snowden visited with each other?

9 A A good many, I couldn't say exactly.

10 Q Do you belong to the same church organization that  
11 he does?

12 A No sir.

13 Q Do you belong to any of the same organizations  
14 that he belongs to?

15 A Yes sir.

16 Q What?

17 A Masonic Lodge.

18 Q Do you know whether or not he is a member or  
19 where he has ever been a member of the Ku Klux  
20 Klan?

21 A No sir.

22 Q If he does belong to the Ku Klux Klan you know  
23 nothing about it?

24 A That's right.

25 Q I believe that's all.

(Whereupon witness excused)

JEANETTE JORDAN, called as a witness for and on behalf of Defendants, was sworn and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. GOLDMAN:

Q State your name for the Court and Jury please mam?

A Jeanette Jordan.

Q Where do you live, Mrs. Jordan?

A 616 65th Avenue.

Q What City is that?

A Meridian, Mississippi.

Q Do you know Jimmy Arledge?

Q Are you any relation to Mr. Arledge?

A He is my son-inlaw?

Q Would you tell the Court and Jury if you say Jimmy Arledge on the 21st day of June, 1964?

A Yes, I did.

Q Would you tell the Court and Jury where you saw him and what time?

A He married my daughter and they came to my house and spent the night with us, they got there about 5:00 o'clock, when I lived at Collinsville.

Q Was that on June the 21st, 1964?

A Yes sir.

Q Who else was present, please mam?

1 A My husband.

2 Q Was he there all evening?

3 A Yes sir.

4 Q Is there any particular reason that you remember  
5 Mr. Arledge and his wife spending that particular  
6 night with you?

7 A Yes sir.

8 Q Would you tell the Court about it?

9 A It was Father's Day.

10 Q All right. I believe that's all, Your Honor.

11 CROSS EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. HAUBERG:

13 Q Mrs. Jordan, was June the 21st the day your  
14 daughter married Arledge?

15 A No sir.

16 Q So, the purpose of the visit on June the 21st,  
17 1964 was because it was Father's Day.

18 A Yes sir.

19 Q Did Jimmy Arledge go to his father's home on that  
20 day?

21 A I don't know sir.

22 Q What time of the day or night did he get to your  
23 place?

24 A About 5:00 o'clock.

25 Q In the morning or evening?

- 1 A In the afternoon.
- 2 Q Up until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon then,
- 3 you do not know of your own personal knowledge
- 4 where he was?
- 5 A No sir.
- 6 Q And how long did he stay there?
- 7 A They spent the night and left thenext morning.
- 8 Q And from the time that he got there at 5:00 o'clock
- 9 did you see him all the time?
- 10 A Yes sir, we were together.
- 11 Q Beg your pardon?
- 12 Q Yes sir, we were there at the house.
- 13 Q Was he there in the same room with you all the
- 14 time?
- 15 A Well, I couldn't say that he was every minute
- 16 but we were all together most of the time, I know.
- 17 Q Well, when you say most of the time, do you mean
- 18 he left the room at any time?
- 19 A Yes sir, we had an upstairs to our dwelling and
- 20 of course, we were up and down the stairs some.
- 21 Q And did he leave the house at any time that you
- 22 saw him?
- 23 A No sir.
- 24 Q What time of night did you retire?
- 25 A Oh, I imagine about 11:00 o'clock.

1 Q And did you see him about 11:00 o'clock?

2 A Yes sir.

3 Q Where was he?

4 A In my house.

5 Q What part of your house?

6 A Downstairs.

7 Q So from, you say, from 5:00 o'clock until 11:00  
8 o'clock you say he was there in your house?

9 A Yes sir.

10 Q Do you know what kind of work he does?

11 A Yes sir.

12 Q What kind?

13 A He was working with Magnolia Steel at that time.

14 Q Do you know what kind of work he does now?

15 A I know where he works.

16 Q Where?

17 A At a steel place there on 65th Avenue, close to  
18 where I live.

19 Q Do you know where he lives now?

20 A Yes sir.

21 Q Where?

22 A On 65th Avenue.

23 Q Isn't it fact that he lives at 2718 Valley Street  
24 Meridian?

25 A Now?

1 Q Yes.

2 Q No, it isn't a fact.

3 Q Well, did he ever live at 2718 Valley Street,  
4 Meridian?

5 A Yes, he did.

6 Q When?

7 A Several years ago.

8 Q Well, did he live on Valley Street in June of  
9 1964?

10 A Yes sir.

11 Q In an apartment or a house?

12 A In an apartment.

13 Q Could you tell us why he spent the night with you  
14 at your house on June the 21st, 1964?

15 A Because it was father's day, and they came out  
16 and stayed so late they just decided to spend the  
17 night.

18 Q Do they spend every father's day at your place?

19 A Sometimes they are there on father's day and  
20 sometimes they spend the night.

21 BY THE COURT:

22 Does Mr. Arledge and your daughter have any children?

23 BY THE WITNESS:

24 Sir?

25 BY THE COURT:



1 Does Mr. Arledge and your daughter have any children?

2 BY THE WITNESS:

3 No sir, they don't.

4 BY THE COURT:

5 Do you know Mr. Arledge's whereabouts after 11:00  
6 o'clock on June the 21st?

7 BY THE WITNESS:

8 He went to bed.

9 BY THE COURT:

10 Did you see him at anytime after 11:00 o'clock on  
11 the 21st day of June?

12 BY THE WITNESS:

13 Did I see him after eleven?

14 BY THE COURT:

15 Yes.

16 BY THE WITNESS:

17 No sir.

18 BY MR. HAUBERG:

19 Q I believe you said you retired at 11:00 o'clock?

20 A About that time, yes sir.

21 Q Did you see him go to bed?

22 A Well, I didn't stand in the room and watch him  
23 go to bed, but I assume he went to bed, he went  
24 in the room where they always went.

25 Q Now not telling us your answers on anything that

1           you assume, can you accurately tell us that he  
2           went to bed?

3           A    Well, he went in there to go to bed, I'll say  
4           that, like he always did, and when I would go to  
5           wake them the next morning they would be there.

6           Q    But actually you didn't see him from 11:00 o'clock  
7           until 4:00 o'clock the next morning when you went  
8           to wake him?

9           A    That's right.

10          Q    So you can't tell this jury whether he actually  
11          went to bed or not?

12          A    All I can say is that he went into the room to go  
13          to bed.

14          Q    And was that the same time that you went in to go  
15          to bed?

16          A    Yes sir.

17          Q    Now, when were you first asked to remember the date  
18          that he stayed there at your house on father's day?

19          A    I never was asked to remember it, I just remember  
20          it.

21          Q    Well, do you just remember it because of why?

22          A    Because it was father's day.

23          Q    But why would you particularly remember this?

24          A    It was father's day and my children always came  
25          on occasions and father's day was one of them.

1 Q Well, were you or not specifically requested to  
2 recall this date because of the trouble he had gotten  
3 into because of his June 21st activities?

4 A He hasn't gotten into any trouble, he's just  
5 charged with it.

6 Q But my question is, the fact that you recall the  
7 June 21st date was that not a result of the  
8 fact-----

9 A I remember it because it was father's day, and  
10 when the report came out on the news and everythingg  
11 well naturally everybody would remember it.

12 BY THE COURT:

13 Mrs. Jordan, let Counsel finish his question before  
14 you answer because the Court Reporter can't take  
15 down what both of you are saying if you are talking  
16 at the same time.

17 BY THE WITNESS:

18 Oh, excuse me.

19 BY MR. HAUBERG:

20 Q Well actually, after he was charged and got into  
21 trouble with this incident here, you did discuss  
22 the date and fix it in your mind, did you not?

23 A I didn't fix anything, it was already in my mind  
24 when I heard it happen.

25 Q Well, actually you were thinking about it on

1 June the 21st when it happened, is that right?

2 A Sir?

3 Q Were you thinking about it on the date it happened?

4 BY MR. WATKINS:

5 We object, Your Honor, as to what she was thinking  
6 about, I don't know what he means, I object.

7 BY THE WITNESS:

8 I don't either.

9 BY MR. HAUBERG:

10 I have been asking you about June the 21st----

11 BY THE WITNESS:

12 I understand.

13 BY THE COURT:

14 Go along.

15 BY MR. HAUBERG:

16 Q Do you have any other date in your mind besides  
17 June the 21st?

18 A No, that was father's day.

19 Q Now, my question is, when you first started  
20 discussing June the 21st as the date requested---

21 A Just when we heard it on the news----

22 BY THE COURT:

23 Lady, let him finish his question.

24 BY MR. HAUBERG:

25 Q What did you hear in the news?

1 A Oh just about what they were charged with,  
2 or whatever it was, this thing that happened.

3 Q Well, you say in the news, what did you hear in  
4 the news?

5 A What everybody else heard, I couldn't tell you  
6 just what it was.

7 Q Well, did it have to do with the fact that some  
8 Civil Rights Workers were in the area?

9 A I think that was on the news?

10 Q Don't you know it was on the news?

11 A What everybody else heard, I can't tell you  
12 just exactly what it was, but it was on the news  
13 about it.

14 Q Well, Mrs. Jordan you said you knew about it from  
15 what you heard on the news, just what did you hear?

16 A I don't remember, that a church had been burned  
17 and they had gone to investigate it, and they had  
18 been killed and their car burned.

19 Q So it did have something to do with the Civil  
20 Rights Workers being in the area, is that right?

21 A I don't know. Whatever it was, I just heard it  
22 on the news.

23 Q Well, you say you heard it on the news but you  
24 can't tell us what it was that you heard?

25 A Well, I told you what I heard, at least what I

1 remember about it.

2 Q Did you recall hearing the name of Michael  
3 Schwerner, Andrew Goodman or James Chaney?

4 A Yes sir, I heard those names on there.

5 Q So when I asked you a few minutes ago, you said  
6 you couldn't tell me exactly what you heard?

7 A I can't.

8 Q But you did hear those names?

9 A I heard those names and I've heard lots of other  
10 names called on the news.

11 Q And don't you remember what the discussion was  
12 about these three individuals and Civil Rights  
13 activities?

14 A I just remember hearing them talk about it, that  
15 they were going to investigate it and they were  
16 killed.

17 Q Then it was after you heard these matters in  
18 connection with Schwerner, Goodman & Chaney  
19 that you discussed the June 21st date, is that  
20 right?

21 A Well, naturally we discussed father's day, and  
22 when things like that happens you will discuss  
23 dates.

24 Q And of course, you discussed that with your son-  
25 in-law, did you not?

1 A I imagine we all discussed it.

2 Q Well, don't you know you discussed it with him?

3 A Well, I'm sure we talked about it.

4 Q And as a matter of fact you've discussed it a  
5 number of times with Jimmy Arledge, have you not?

6 A Well, I couldn't say that, no sir, I couldn't say  
7 quite a number of times.

8 Q When was the last time before you took the witness  
9 stand today that you discussed this June 21st  
10 date with Jimmy Arledge?

11 A I don't know.

12 Q Give us your best recollection?

13 A I don't know.

14 Q Was it this week, last week?

15 A I just don't know when we discussed it.

16 Q You can't give us your best recollection of any  
17 time you last discussed it with him?

18 A No, I don't know, I'm just trying to tell the truth?

19 Q Well, would you say it was anytime during the year  
20 of 1967?

21 A I just don't know.

22 Q You mean you don't know or you can't recall?

23 A I can't recall when we were last discussing it.

24 Q But you do know you have discussed it a number of  
25 times with him?

- 1 A I wouldn't say I had discussed it a number of  
2 times, I have discussed it with him, but I don't  
3 know what you call a number of times. I talked  
4 about it naturally, everybody talks about some-  
5 thing like this.
- 6 Q Do you recall the first time you discussed it with  
7 Jimmy Arledge?
- 8 A No, I don't.
- 9 Q Could you give us your best recollection when the  
10 first time was that you discussed the June 21st  
11 date with Jimmy Arledge?
- 12 A No, I couldn't.
- 13 Q So, your testimony is that although you discussed  
14 it with him, you don't recall any particular  
15 time that either you first talked with him about  
16 it or the last time you talked with him about it?
- 17 A No sir, I don't.
- 18 Q Have you talked to anyone else about it?
- 19 A Yes, I've talked to some others.
- 20 Q Like anyone else like your neighbors?
- 21 A Oh yes, sure.
- 22 Q In other words, this was just common talk around  
23 your neighborhood about it?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And whether or not Jimmy Arledge was present, do



1           you recall when it was being discussed among your  
2           neighbors?

3           A.   No, I don't.

4           Q.   You can't tell the Court and Jury any particular  
5           time that you and your son-in-law discussed this  
6           date of June the 21st?

7           A.   No.

8           Q.   That's all.

9   BY MR. BUCKLEY:

10          Q.   Mrs. Jordan, could you tell me whether or not  
11          it would have been possible for anybody on June  
12          the 21st, 1964 to have come to your house?

13   BY MR. HAUBERG:

14          We object, to what would have been possible.

15   BY THE COURT:

16          Let him finish his question.

17   BY MR. BUCKLEY:

18          To have come to your house and woke up Jimmy Arledge  
19          and got him up and got him dressed and left there  
20          without you having known about it after 11:00 o'clock?

21   BY MR. HAUBERG:

22          We object.

23   BY THE COURT:

24          Your question may be rephrased.

25   BY MR. BUCKLEY:

1 Q Tell me or not whether, uh, was Jimmy Arledge in  
2 the bed the next morning when you woke up?

3 A Yes sir.

4 Q And approximately what time did you get up?

5 A Four.

6 Q Four o'clock A. M?

7 A Yes sir.

8 Q And you went to bed at approximately eleven, I  
9 believe you testified?

10 A Yes sir.

11 Q Did you immediately go to sleep?

12 A I don't know for sure.

13 Q Well do you normally lay there for a while before  
14 you go to sleep?

15 BY MR. HAUBERG:

16 We object.

17 BY THE COURT:

18 Overruled.

19 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

20 Q Did anyone come to your house that night after  
21 11:00 o'clock?

22 A Not that I know of.

23 Q Did anyone make any phone calls that woke you up  
24 that night?

25 A Would it have awoken you normally for someone to

1           come there to your house and wake him up and get  
2           him dressed and leave there?

3 BY MR. HAUBERG:

4           We object to that.

5 BY THE COURT:

6           Overruled.

7 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

8           Q    Tell us if that would have been possible?

9           A    Yes sir, I would have heard them I am sure.

10 BY THE COURT:

11           Let me ask you this, Mr. Jordan. If anyone had left  
12           your house after 11:00 o'clock on the 21st day of  
13           June, would you have heard them?

14 BY THE WITNESS:

15           I feel like I would have.

16 BY THE COURT:

17           If they had left in some kind of vehicle?

18 BY THE WITNESS:

19           Yes sir, I feel like I would have known it.

20 BY THE COURT:

21           Do you live in town?

22 BY THE WITNESS:

23           I do now, but I lived at Collinsville on Highway 19.

24 BY THE COURT:

25           On the highway?

1 BY THE WITNESS:

2 Yes sir. On Highway 19.

3 BY THE COURT:

4 Where was Mr. Arledge's car parked at the time?

5 BY THE WITNESS:

6 In front of the house.

7 BY THE COURT:

8 And where was your bedroom with respect to the front  
9 of the house?

10 BY THE WITNESS:

11 Well, it was downstairs.

12 BY THE COURT:

13 Well, was it on the front of the house?

14 BY THE WITNESS:

15 Yes sir, and I would have heard the noise I'm sure.

16 BY THE COURT:

17 All right.

18 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. HAUBERG:

20 Q Mrs. Jordan, you say you lived at Collinsville at  
21 that time?

22 A Yes sir.

23 Q How long had you lived at Collinsville?

24 A Oh, about 17 years.

25 Q But you don't live at Collinsville now?

1 A No sir.

2 Q And on the evening when you say your son-in-law  
3 came there at 5:00 o'clock, was that Collinsville?

4 A Yes sir.

5 Q Where did he live at that time?

6 A With Mr. and Mrs. Merrill on Valley Street.  
7 In Meridian.

8 Q In Meridian?

9 A Yes sir.

10 Q So he came to Collinsville that evening, and you  
11 don't know where he had been before he came to  
12 your house?

13 A No sir.

14 Q Do you know any of these other defendants in this  
15 case?

16 A I---

17 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

18 Your Honor please, I believe this is proper re-cross  
19 examination.

20 BY THE COURT:

21 I don't believe it is either, but I'll let her answer.

22 BY MR. HAUBERG:

23 Q You may answer.

24 A Yes sir.

25 Q Can you point out the ones in the courtroom that

1                   you do know?

2                   A.    Uh, yes sir.

3                   Q.    Would you please do by starting over here on this  
4                   side?

5                   A.    I know Travis Barnett.

6                   Q.    How long have you known him?

7                   A.    Oh, about six or seven years.

8 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

9                   Your Honor, if it please the Court, I object to this  
10                  form of re-cross examination.

11 BY THE COURT:

12                  I'll let her tell which one of these defendants she  
13                  knows and then that will end.

14 BY MR. HAUBERG:

15                  Your Honor, it was brought out on re-direct examination  
16                  the fact that she did live at Collinsville rather  
17                  than Meridian.

18 BY THE COURT:

19                  Yes, but I don't think that is any reason to open  
20                  up cross examination, but you may let her identify the  
21                  defendants, that she knows, if any.

22 BY MR. HAUBERG:

23                  Q.    You may go right ahead.

24                  A.    I know Travis Barnett, Jimmy Arledge, Jimmy  
25                  Snowden, and that's all I really know.

1 Q Do you know any of the defendants sitting there  
2 behind you?

3 A I know Brother Killen.

4 Q How long have you known him?

5 A Well, I really don't know for sure.

6 Q All right, are there any of the others that you  
7 know?

8 BY THE COURT:

9 I didn't hear who you said you knew, Lady. Turn around  
10 to the microphone. Who did you say you knew over  
11 there?

12 BY THE WITNESS:

13 Brother Killen.

14 BY THE COURT:

15 All right.

16 BY MR. HAUBERG:

17 Q Now, Brother Killen wasn't at your house that  
18 night was he?

19 A No sir.

20 BY MR. BUCKLEY:

21 If it please the Court, I object to this cross  
22 examination, I don't think its proper.

23 BY THE COURT:

24 I'll sustain the objection.

25 BY MR. HAUBERG:

1 Q Now, I believe you said your son-in-law got up  
2 at 4:00 o'clock A. M., did he stay around your  
3 house anytime then?

4 A He had to go home and get ready for work.

5 Q That's all.

6 (Whereupon witness excused)

7 JOHNNIE ARCHIE, called as a witness for and on behalf  
8 of defendants, was sworn and testified as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. WATKINS:

11 Q What is your name, please?

12 A Johnny Archie.

13 BY THE COURT:

14 What's his name?

15 BY MR. WATKINS:

16 Johnny Archie. J O H N N Y A R C H I E.

17 BY THE COURT:

18 Speak distinctly, we don't know you and if you don't  
19 tell us your name where we can hear it we won't  
20 ever know who you are.

21 BY MR. WATKINS:

22 Q Where do you live, Mr. Archie?

23 A I live at Meehan, Mississippi, Meridian, Route 5.

24 Q How long have you been living in this county,  
25 Lauderdale County?



1 A I really don't remember, but thirty years I  
2 imagine.

3 Q Do you know James Harris?

4 A Yes sir.

5 Q Do you know what county he lives in?

6 A He lives in Lauderdale County.

7 Q How many years have you been knowing James Harris?

8 A Well, about all of his life, I reckon.

9 Q What type of employment do you have, what business  
10 are you engaged in?

11 A I work for General Box Company.

12 Q At General Box Company, and how many years, if you  
13 recall, have you worked there?

14 A About 16 years, I believe.

15 Q Do you know the general reputation of James Harris  
16 in the community of Lauderdale County in which he  
17 lives for peace and violence, do you know him?

18 BY MR. HAUBERG:

19 We object to the form of the question Your Honor.

20 BY THE COURT:

21 I'll let you rework that question a little bit.

22 BY MR. WATKINS:

23 Q Do you know that James Harris lives in Lauderdale  
24 County?

25 A Yes sir.